

# Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/820,684

Applicant(s)

KITAGAWA, NOBUHIRO

Examiner

Brian R. Gordon

Art Unit

1743

**All Participants:**(1) Brian R. Gordon.(2) Richard Gallagher.**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Interview:** 2 June 2004**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

*112, second paragraph rejection of claim 1*

Claims discussed:

*1 and 12*

Prior art documents discussed:

*none***Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet***Part III.**

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: In effort to expedite the allowance of the claims, the examiner placed a called to applicant on 5-24-04. The examiner informed applicant that claim 1 was primarily amended as suggested by the examiner in the final office action 2-24-04. However, the suggested amendment to clarify the "suitable operational position" was excluded by applicant and new broader independent claim (12) was added. The examiner invited applicant to make the previously proposed amendment to clarify the phrase and cancel new claim 12, which may be pursued in a separate application, in order to allow the remaining claims. Mr. Gallagher indicated he would contact applicant with proposed solutions and contact the examiner with a decision. Due to the lack of a response, the examiner once again contacted Mr. Gallagher on 6-2-04 to see if a decision had been made. Mr. Gallagher did not indicate a decision had been made and said perhaps applicant intend to pursue the new in the instant application. The examiner informed applicant that the amendment would not be entered and an advisory action would be issued.